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Booze Resents
Traitor Charge
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"On the grounds set out in the above, I appeared before the National Republican Committee in the interest of Hon. M. Mulvihill, of Chicago, in his contest against Hon. Perry W. Howard, of Jackson, for National Republican Committee from Mississippi.

Denies Press Reports

Charged with saying before the National Republican Committee at St. Louis that I have read the reports in the Chicago Defender, St. Louis Argus, and The East Tennessee News of Knoxville, I do not believe Mr. Howard would say that I used such language or expressed such sentiments. Certainly no one acquainted with my thought and action who is unbiased will believe it.

"The National Republican Committee called for the hearing of the Mississippi contest late in the afternoon of the 12th. It was understood that Mr. Mulvihill and Mr. Howard would present and argue their own case. No one expected to hear anything from Joseph Conkling, Simmons, or myself. But, of course, it was planned by the Mulvihill people that I should be heard if anyone else spoke for Howard. At the conclusion of Mr. Howard's lengthy presentation of his weak case, and during the time Mr. Mulvihill was closing his argument, Howard begged me to tell him, say, something.

"I sat there for a moment, and then I told him that I had read the reports in the Chicago Defender, St. Louis Argus, and The East Tennessee News of Knoxville, and that I recognized one as my master save him, who is the master of us all."

"And then I arose and asked to be heard for a few moments in the interest of Mr. Mulvihill. Just as I received recognition by the chairman, at the request of many voices, I heard one of the members of the committee ask, 'Is he a colored man?' The first thing I can remember saying was: 'I am a colored man, proud of it and perfectly satisfied to make my place as an American citizen, without any desire to be a white man, and I recent being placed at the feet of white men as a ward, and that I recognize one as my master save him, who is the master of us all.' I told the committee that I could readily forgive Howard, because in his effort to entertain and please, he always drew upon his imagination without limit. That I appeared before them as an ordinary business man, representing a corporation whose business transactions last year amounted to more than a half million dollars and they should not expect me to entertain them with the same eloquence and oratory which they had listened to from Mr. Kentucky Colonel."

"It was my object to present an argument in a straightforward businesslike manner, and I closed with an appeal to the committee not to try the case by the color of the skin or the race to which the contestants belonged, and asked them to enter a trial of the facts, to render their verdict according to the dictates of their conscience, upon the merits of the case. Their finding is a matter of history and when correctly reported the Negro Republicans of America will not be dissatisfied with the treatment accorded the race by the National Republican Committee at St. Louis, Feb. 12th."

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SUFFRAGE CAMOUFLAGED.

The article appearing in the St. Louis Times under the date of Feb. 23, by Geo. R. Lockwood, an attorney, is a very amusing fumbling on Negro suffrage. Lockwood is very much concerned about the effect the ratification of the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution, conferring suffrage upon women, will have upon the South, and proposes to circularize the nation, warning against this "impending peril."

"Suffrage for white women is alright, but for Colored women—that this will never do," he says "Colored women are so much smarter than Colored men, that once they get the ballot, they will use it." Hurrah for the women! He pays the Colored women a compliment. They will use it just as white women use it, uninfluenced by the kind of so-called advisors as Lockwood. Then reason fails the next resort of a small mind is pretext, and to use a newer expression, camouflage.

The Negro is used to this kind of argument, so is the country, and we are on to the curves of Mr. Lockwood. Why not come out in the open against suffrage as proposed for the women—why hide behind the Colored women, as an excuse? Why is Lockwood so concerned about the voters in the South, anyway? He will learn if he does not already know, that "the mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceedingly fine." And he and his kind will find that Justice may be cheated but never defeated; that the Colored race will come into its own as a voter in this country, both men and women.

"Whoever would oppose is doomed. Democracy, true Democracy is lifting its head above the miasma of prejudice, and hate and Liberty, Justice and Equality are on their way to the mightiest triumph the world has ever seen."

The Colored race welcomes the test the amendment will make upon their capacity for governmental participation. Knowing as they do that all men, all races, have fitted themselves for self government. Denying a man participation in the government he fights to uphold, whose flag he carries upon its battlefield, whose institution he exposes his life to defend, may find justification with Lockwood, but not with those who believe in RIGHT. The Colored women are doing their full share, giving their sons freely to their country's cause—answering every call of their government, as true women have done throughout the history of the world, and black women, white women, all women will break down the barriers of opposition which have too long stood against them and will erect upon the cross of service the Wreath of Love.

PREDICTIONS

By G. F. Collins, Mentalist

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Now that the barrier, which has separated the Negroes and their persecutions from the President, has been pierced, and a delegation has succeeded in reaching the chief executive, we can see a light ahead. When a delegation, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called on the President last week to present the petition of 12,000 New Yorkers and ten million colored citizens in the United States, asking executive clemency for the condemned soldiers of the 24th infantry, we are told that the spokesman incidentally called attention to the horrible lynchings and race riots that have been perpetrated upon the colored people in the past few months. The President expressed surprise when told of the inhuman East St. Louis burning. He had not heard of it and could hardly believe it true. Is it possible that the President has not been acquainted with this and other atrocities? Is it possible that our plea for justice have been kept from him? We have never been able to understand how so staunch an exponent of world democracy could turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the ten million oppressed in America. We now know the truth; he has been unaware of it. We can see a light ahead. We know that, in his great power, one word from President Wilson against mob violence will suffice to make lynching a Federal offense. Will he act, now that he has been apprised of the truth? Will he use his influence to see that the right of the most humblest citizen is protected? If, so then he will have made one monumental step toward making "The World Safe For Democracy."

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Gentlemen:

Allow me to commend you for the lofty stand taken by you on all moral and racial questions. It is a pleasure and an inspiration to see you on the firing line doing your "share" for mankind in general and the American Negro in particular. Keep up the fight, as all lovers of justice and fair play are with you.

Realizing also that money helps to make and keep a paper good, I am enclosing you my subscription for another year.

Very respectfully yours,
E. W. Enury.

SECRETARY BOYD LOST KEYS

While visiting in St. Louis last August and while at the P. of P. Encampment, Henry Boyd, who was serving as K. of P. Adjutant at the encampment with the rank of Col. and is known throughout the country as the number one School Congress Secretary, lost his bunch of keys. Many of the keys will be almost impossible to duplicate and he has asked our paper to announce that if anyone has found a bunch of keys and will send them to him at his office address, 32 Second Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn., he will be glad to pay a reward. He feels that they were dropped on the grounds near Maj. Gen. Jackson's tent and were, perhaps found by someone passing off the encampment grounds.

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